radiatio posing health hazard to the surrounding areas are incorrect.

(c) Does not arise.

Sale of Smack in Delhi

2251. SHRI VIRENDRA VERMA:

SHRI RAM NARESH KUSHAWAHA:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be please^ to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that the Delhi Police and the Vigilance Department have levelled allegations and counter-allegations over the sale of smack in, the city; ana

(b) if so, what are the details thereof stating the steps taken by the Government in the matter to establish facts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THH DEPARTMENT OF STATES (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does no arise.

Discontinuance of Intcxt Service of Doordarshan

2252. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Doordarshan's information Service project Tntext' has virtually become a non-starter as there are no takers for the service;

(b) whether it is a fact that a large number of decoders imported for the purpose aTe gathering dust jn the go-downs of the Electronics Trade and Technological Development Corporation (ET&T>;

(c) if »o, what is the number of decoders imported, the cost thereof and the country from which imported;

(d) \vhat ^ the number of decoders put to use in private and Government Offices; and

(e) whether Government propose to discontinue the Intext Service?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS, AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No. Sir. The response to the service has, however, been less than what was anticipated.

(b) and (c) Due to non-availability of indigenous teletext decoders at the time of introduction of teletex service of Doordarshan, it was decided to import 10,500 Bettop decoders; with modificaition k»ts during November, 1985 through ET&T from M|s Sofrotev. a French Government undertaking at the landed cost of Rs. 2.64 crores approximately.

(d) So far, ET&T has sold 252 nos. of teletext decoders to various parties as listed in enclosed Statement. (See below)

In addition out of 400 decoders received as a gift by Doordarshan from M|s Sofrotev, about 130 have been installed at various offices.

(e) No, Sir. Several steps have been taken to make the information content of the service more useful up-to-date and reliable. Some other steps are under implementation. Improvement ;n a service of this nature is a continuous process.